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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Serial No.:	09/926,062	Inventor:	Reinhard Plaschka
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office action dated October 6, 2004 in the above application wherein the pending claims were finally rejected. A Notice of Appeal and a petition for a three-month extension of time are also filed concurrently herewith.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Please amend the application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in accordance with the following particulars.

In the Claims

An amendment of the claims is presented below under the heading "Amendment of the Claims."